



**COUNCILMEMBER SEAN ELO-RIVERA
NINTH COUNCIL DISTRICT**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: February 5, 2021
TO: Christina Bibler, Director, Economic Development Department
FROM: Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera 
SUBJECT: Response – FY 2021 and FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for City Improvement Projects (CIPs)

Thank you for offering our office the opportunity to provide input for the allocation of FY 2021 and FY 2022 CDBG funds. Our office reviewed existing CIPs, spoke with community members, and identified priorities for Council District 9 for these funds.

As we move forward with future budgetary requests, I am interested in working with the Economic Development Department to help democratize the use of public funds. Cities throughout the world have employed a [participatory budgeting](#) model that builds stronger communities and creates a more equitable distribution of public resources. I look forward to having future conversations regarding this model and how it can be utilized by City staff.

I would like to offer the following recommendations as priorities for Council District 9:

B18192 – Mountain View Sports Courts

Requested Amount: \$500,000

This project provides for the conversion of the sports courts to soccer fields and LED security lighting for the sports courts and the surrounding area. Additional funding is needed for construction.

B19132 – Hard Court Repaving Multiple Locations

Requested Amount: \$575,000

The SOW of the project is to grind 2” off the surface of the existing basketball courts, and re-pave with new hot mix asphalt. Followed by an acrylic court coat and re-stripe to regulation court dimensions. The accessible path of travel to the courts will be upgraded as required by ADA/Title 24. This includes the courts in Mountain View Park, Willie Henderson Sports Complex, Southcrest, and the Azalea Neighborhood Park

B19080 – Castle Neighborhood New Streetlights

Requested Amount: \$150,000

This project would provide for the installation of 14 new street lights with new service points in the City Heights Community. The total project cost is \$550,000, with only \$400,000 allocated to this project as of today.

Euclid Avenue Improvements

Requested Amount: \$200,000

This project would fully fund improvements to Euclid Avenue, including the construction of sidewalks on the West side of the street, and incorporate greenery such as shade producing trees. The Euclid Avenue Revitalization Action Plan should guide the implementation of improvements.

S18001 - University Avenue Complete Street Phase 1

Requested Amount: N/A

This project will provide increased safety on University Avenue between Fairmount Avenue and Euclid Avenue. The project includes installing three roundabouts and medians with enhanced pedestrian crossings. This will also include new pavement, wider sidewalks, and trees along this portion of University Avenue.

B17003 – El Cajon Boulevard / Highland / 58th Street Improvements

Requested Amount: \$265,184

This project will provide for the installation of pop-outs, raised medians, sidewalks, new alley aprons, and driveways on El Cajon Blvd between Highland Ave and 50th St and a HAWK Signal at El Cajon Blvd and 58th St.

Quick Install Street Lights

Requested Amount: \$100,000

This project would install streetlights on existing electric poles and add semi-permanent solar lights to provide adequate streetlighting to communities with a significant backlog of deferred street-light installations.

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